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SUBJ: ISRAELI ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURES

1. SUMMARY. CURFEW IMPOSED IN PORTIONS OF WEST BANK AS PART OF ISRAELI ANTI-TERRORISM CAMPAIGN. THREE ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF CARRYING OUT RECENT TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN JERUSALEM. TENSION UP BETWEEN ARAB AND JEWISH RESIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS PART OF ANTI-TERRORIST DRIVE, GOI HAS IMPOSED 10:00PM TO 3:00 AM CURFEW IN PORTIONS OF WEST BANK. ARABIC NEWSPAPER AL SHAAB MAY 23 REPORTS CURFEW IN EFFECT ON ALL ROADS IN RAMALLAH DISTRICT (NORTH OF JERUSALEM) AND ROADS BETWEEN THAT DISTRICT AND JERUSALEM, ON BETHLEHEM-JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM-HEBRON ROADS, AND ON JERUSALEM-JERICHO ROAD. CURFEW ON LATTER SAID TO BE 6:30 PM TO 6:30 AM.

3. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE SO FAR TO VERIFY PRECISE REGULATIONS WITH LOCAL POLICE (WHO CLAIM MILGOVE HAS GIVEN THEM LITTLE INFO)

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BUT CAN CONFIRM INFO RE BETHLEHEM-JERUSALEM

ROAD, SINCE CONGEN LOCAL EMPLOYEE WAS UNABLE TO REPORT FOR DUTY SCHEDULED BEGIN 0100 MAY 23 DUE TO CURFEW. ANOTHER LOCAL EMPLOYEE CONFIRMS JERICHO ROAD CURFEW. SEARCHES OF ARAB VEHICLES IN EAST JERUSALEM AND ENTERING CITY FROM WEST BANK ALSO STEPPED UP.

4. POLICE MAY 22 ANNOUNCED ARREST OF THREE MEN (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR RECENT INCIDENTS IN JERUSALEM: MAY 14-15 EXPLOSION IN VACANT LOT AND EMPLACEMENT OF KATYUSHA ROCKETS (JERUSALEM 961), APRIL 17 MURDER OF TAXI DRIVER (JERUSALEM 555) AND APRIL 7 EMPLACEMENT OF BOMB IN OFFICE BUILDING (JERUSALEM A-30). THREE REPORTEDLY HAD LARGE CACHE OF ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.

5. INCREASED TENSION REFLECTED IN FACT ONE LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SENT STUDENTS HOME MAY 22 DUE TO RUMORS OF TERRORIST THREAT IN CITY. THIS LED TO PARENTS' DEMANDING RELEASE OF STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS. MAYOR AND POLICE HAVE ISSUED REASSURING STATEMENTS, NOTING PRINCIPAL'S ACTION UNAUTHORIZED AND UNCALLED FOR AND URGING ALL TO REMAIN CALM.

6. LOCAL ARABIC PRESS HAS REPORTED CONCERN OF ARAB CITIZENS OVER GOI ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIVATE ISRAELIS TO CARRY ARMS. REPORTS INDICATE INCREASED SMALL ARMS PURCHASES BY ISRAELIS AND FORMATION OF VOLUNTEER CIVIL DEFENSE GROUPS. SOME ARAB WORKERS REPORTEDLY STAYING AWAY FROM JOBS IN ISRAEL DUE TO FEAR AND ARAB TAXI DRIVERS HAVE COMPLAINED OF STONE-THROWING AND SIMILAR ATTACKS BY ISRAELIS. ARAB BUS ON CHARTER TO UN TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN (INCLUDING CONGEN DEPENDENTS) TO AND FROM SCHOOL SUFFERED SUCH ATTACK FEW DAYS AGO BEFORE DRIVER WAS ABLE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO UN AUSPICES (NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES.)
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